

Sunday Nov 17-1873

First part of this day light breeze from the S.W. ship heading N.W. Middle part light air and calms with rain. Latter part strong breeze from the S ship heading W. Saw two fin backs and one sail heading to the Westward at sun down took in sail and so ends this day.

Monday Nov 18

Lat 31.37 First part of this day good breeze from the S.W. ship on the port tack heading N.W. by W about 10 A.M. raised Lord Howe Island Middle and Latter the same. Saw one fin back and two sails. at sun down shortened sail and tacked ship the land about 12 miles off so ends.

Tuesday Nov 19

Lat 37.42 First part of this day light breeze from the S.W. made sail and stood in between Pyramid and the large island but it soon came on to blow. took in sail to lower top sail. Middle and Latter parts fine weather and light breeze from the N.W. ship heading S.W. Saw one sail off the settlement and several hump backs at sun down took in sail the land bearing N distance 20 miles and so ends this day.

Wednesday Nov 20

First part of this day good breeze from the S ship cruising round the island Middle and Latter parts the same. Saw several hump backs and one sail. bent the old main top sail forward at sun down shortened sail and stood off shore and so ends this day.

Thursday Nov 21-1873

First part of this day strong breeze from the S ship standing on opposite tack off the land. Middle and Latter parts the same. Saw two hump backs at 2 P.M. spoke the Bark Chance of Sydney Capt. Pierce for all told. Started water at sun down took in sail. the land bearing N distance 20 miles and so ends.

Friday Nov 22

Lat 31.49 First part of this day light breeze from the N.E. with fine weather at day light made all sail and stood in to the land. at 8 A.M. kept off steering S.W. by S Middle and Latter parts the same. Saw one sail and several fin and hump backs. at sun down shortened sail at 9 P.M. luffed too on the starboard tack heading S.E. and so ends this day.

Saturday Nov 23

First part of this day commenced with light breeze from the N.E. made all sail at day light and kept off steering S.W. by S. but it soon came in thick and rainy took in the light sails. Middle part clearing on took in to lower main and fore top sails. Latter part the same. Saw a school of porpoises. Wet hole and so ends this day.

Sunday Nov 24

First part of this day strong breeze from the S ship on the starboard tack heading to the E. Weather thick and rainy. Middle part the same Latter part cleared up still blowing at sun down took in all sail. wore ship turned up starboard boat. Saw one hump back and one fin back so ends.